(e) and (f) Data pertaining to prices offered by private procurers/traders and the quantum of procurement by private players is not maintained in the Ministry.

Export of sugar

†3075. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have banned the export of sugar by issuing a notification on 4th July, 2006;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 50,000 tonnes of sugar were lying at ports for exports at the time of issuing of said notification;

(d) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(e) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to export of said sugar and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has prohibited export of sugar up to 31st March, 2007 *vide* Notification No. 18 dated 4th July, 2006 issued by the Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(c) and (d) As per information furnished by Indian Sugar Exim Corporation, about 60,000 M.Ts. were lying at/near the port permises at the time of issuing the Notification dated 4th July, 2006.

(e) The Government has decided to allow export of sugar which had toft the factory premises before 22nd June 2006, subject to certain conditions.

FP3 Management

3076. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops, State-wise;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.